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## '60s

**Richard H. Drieaus (BUS '65, MBA '70, DHL '02)** was featured on Crain's annual list of Who's Who in Chicago Business. He is president of Drieaus Capital Management Inc.

**Dominic P. Gentile (BUS '68, JD '72)** was appointed honorary consul for the Italian Republic. He is chairman of Gordon Silver's government investigations and business crimes department.

**Donald F. Kilburg, Jr. (LAS '68, MBA '74)** and **Rabbi Marc Wilson (LAS '70)** helped organize "The Year of Altruism," a series of events around the 75th anniversary of Kristallnacht.

## '70s



**Charles H. Wurtzebach (BUS '71)** has been named George L. Ruff Professor in Real Estate Studies at DePaul University. Wurtzebach, who has been at DePaul

since 2009, previously worked in industry as managing director and property chief investment officer at Henderson Global Investors Inc.

**Robert A. Clifford (BUS '73, JD '76, LLD '03)** was selected in 2013 as one of the Notable Members of the American Bar Association. Also in 2013, he was featured on Crain's annual list of Who's Who in Chicago Business and was selected as one of the Top 10 Illinois Super Lawyers. Clifford is a senior partner at Clifford Law Offices.

**Miguel A. Valdes (MST '74, JD '78)** joined WTAS as managing director in its New York office. He has more than 35 years of experience in U.S. and international tax planning.

**John J. Buttita (BUS '76, JD '79)** joined Greenberg Traurig LLP as a shareholder in its trusts and estates practice in the Chicago office.

**Joseph M. Adams, Sr. (BUS '77, MBA '79)** was featured on Crain's annual list of Who's Who in Chicago Business. He is managing partner and CEO of McGladrey (read more about Adams on p. 11).

**Nick E. Rosa (MBA '77)** was featured on Crain's annual list of Who's Who in Chicago Business. He is co-founder and managing director of Sandbox Industries.

**John W. Schoen III (BUS '77)** was promoted to senior vice president and chief financial officer at PCTEL Inc. Schoen has served as the company's CFO since November 2001.

**William P. Kusack, Jr. (MBA '78)** joined the DePaul Board of Trustees. He is a managing director at JPMorgan Capital Corp.

## '80s

**Catherine M. King (MBA '81)** joined Baird & Warner's Gold Coast office as a real estate broker. She has extensive city knowledge as well as suburban expertise.

**Francis M. Martinez (MBA '81)** is an associate judge in the 17th Judicial Circuit.

**The Hon. Joseph W. Nega (BUS '81, JD '84)** was appointed by President Barack Obama to serve as judge of the United States Tax Court for a term ending Sept. 3, 2028.

**Karen M. Atwood (MBA '82)** was featured on Crain's annual list of Who's Who in Chicago Business. She is president of Health Care Service Corporation.

**James Carlini (MBA '82)** was unanimously re-elected as chairman of the Rolls-Royce Owners' Club, Lake Michigan Region, and will be coming out with a book on next-generation real estate, "Location, Location, Connectivity," later this year.

**Eugene A. Delaney (MBA '82)** was appointed to the board of directors at Sanmina, an integrated manufacturing solutions company that makes optical, electronic and mechanical products.

**Michael A. Gregory (MBA '82)** published "The Servant Manager: 203 Tips from the Best Places to Work in America."



**Kerry M. Lavelle (MBA '85, JD '89)** was named to the Super Lawyers 2014 list of top attorneys in taxation. He is the founding partner of Lavelle Law Ltd. in Palatine, Ill.



**Lillian E. Cilano (BUS '86)** was promoted to senior manager of financial reporting at The Trustmark Companies. She is now an officer of the company.

**Richard A. Hoker (BUS '86)** was appointed to the board of directors at Terra Nitrogen GP Inc., where he is vice president and corporate controller.

**Jane M. Kornesczuk (BUS '86)** was promoted to divisional executive vice president of the executive liability division at Great American Insurance Group.

**David E. Sveen (MBA '86)** was appointed to the board of directors at Heska Corp. He also is the president of Cedarstone Partners Inc. and is an adjunct assistant professor of Christian formation and ministry at Wheaton College.

**James T. Ryan III (MBA '87)** was featured on Crain's annual list of Who's Who in Chicago Business. He is chairman, CEO and president of W.W. Grainger Inc.

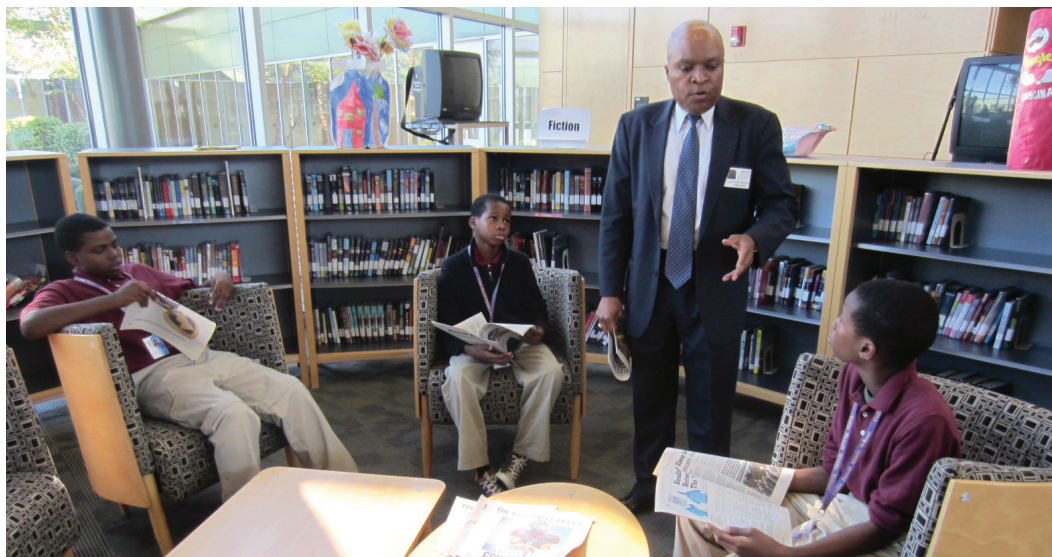
**Lorrie J. Ziolkowski (BUS '87)** was promoted to senior marketing manager at Thornton Tomasetti. She was previously a marketing manager in the international engineering firm's Chicago office.

**Carol E. Bramson (BUS '89)** was appointed CEO and president of Summer Infant Inc.



**John C. Robak, Jr. (BUS '89)** was named president of Greeley and Hansen, a global civil and environmental engineering firm, where he also is a principal. He is a member of the Greeley and Hansen Board of Directors, the Dean's Advisory Council for the Richard H. Driehaus Center for International Business at DePaul and the CEO Council of Chicago United.

**Bill Snow (BUS '89, MBA '94)** is managing director at Jordan Knauff & Co.



## Investing in Financial Literacy

As a child growing up on the South Side of Chicago in the 1970s, **Richard Smith (BUS '77, MBA '83)** knew he wanted to be a "business man." Yet, Smith struggled with variables and formulas, as well as with the stigma others placed upon him as the poor son of a cafeteria worker. He felt like he didn't belong in the finance world.

Smith's DePaul education helped him enter this world, and after 20 years of building his own investment firm, Smith created The Wall Street Program to help others follow in his footsteps. The free finance and investment education program teaches Chicago-area middle schoolers the ins and outs of finance and investing through virtual investment accounts set up on Yahoo! Finance. Nearly 1,000 students have gone through the program.

"I'm the type of person that if I learn something, I want to teach others," says Smith. "I want the kids to know that despite having little knowledge of the finance world now, you can learn and make a good living in this area. I truly found that investing is a great way of building wealth and I want them to learn as much as possible."

## '90s

**Rosemarie S. Andolino (BUS '90)** was featured on Crain's annual list of Who's Who in Chicago Business. She is the commissioner for the department of aviation at the City of Chicago.



**Frank J. Becker (BUS '90)** is vice president of human resources for the Asia Pacific Region of UPS. He has been with UPS for 25 years.

**Michael T. Wolf (MBA '94)** was named vice president and chief counsel, corporate, at AON PLC.



**Tony W. Hunter (MBA '95)** was featured on Crain's annual list of Who's Who in Chicago Business. He is publisher, CEO and president of the Chicago Tribune Co. Also in 2013, Hunter was elected chairman of the Metropolitan Family Services board.

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## Forging Career Connections

**Rob Pasquesi (MBA '10)** began brainstorming a better way to foster professional relationships while he was studying entrepreneurship at DePaul. Now his idea of taking one's online network offline has grown into NextIntro.

com, a free website that helps young professionals form connections online and suggests ways for them to meet face to face.

The site allows members to create a personal page based on their LinkedIn profiles or from scratch. Members get emails suggesting other professionals they might want to meet, and the site even recommends nearby restaurants or coffee shops that could serve as meeting places. The site, which launched in 2013, now has nearly 10,000 members in Chicago, Boston, Denver and Austin, Texas.

Pasquesi, who works as an audit senior manager at a top-six international accounting and tax firm, credits DePaul's business professors with helping him refine the website concept and putting him in touch with students. "When I started talking to college students and young professionals, they mentioned a need for receiving mentorships and understanding more about certain professions," Pasquesi says. "A lot of current members saw the same problems when they were students four or five years ago and now want to offer their suggestions and help."

**Catherine A. Lindner (MBA '95)** is chief merchant officer of Shelfbucks Inc.



**David M. Lutrey (JD '96, MBA '96)** was selected as an Illinois Super Lawyer. He is managing partner of the Lake Forest, Ill., law firm of Lesser Lutrey

McGlynn & Howe LLP.

**Andrew J. Boblak (BUS '98)** was promoted to sergeant with the Orland Park Police Department.

**James A. Deters (BUS '98)** is co-founder and CEO of Galvanize, an innovative ecosystem in Denver that provides a creative brainstorming space for entrepreneurs and start-up companies.

**Joshua B. Anderson (BUS '99)** was named finance integration manager for Deere & Co.'s John Deere Paton seeding factory in Paton, Iowa.

## '00s



**Daniel A. Boarder (BUS '00)** joined Whitley Penn as a transaction advisory services senior manager.

**Steven C. Schick (BUS '00)** made partner at Plante Moran PLLC. He is the youngest person to make partner with the firm in more than 50 years.

**Catherine M. Roe (MBA '06)** is head of strategic accounts at Datalogix.

**Kumiko Watanabe (MST '09)** is a partner in the international tax practice as well as the national leader of the Japan business group at Grant Thornton LLP in Chicago.

## '10s

**Heriberto Cruz (BUS '10)** was promoted to vice president of operations at Access Community Network. In addition, he was selected as one of six scholars for the American College of Healthcare Executives' inaugural Thomas C. Dolan Executive Diversity Program.

**Zack A. Hofstadter (BUS '10)** is an associate at Kiser Group, where he specializes in the analysis and disposition of Chicago multifamily properties.

**Adam M. Short (MBA '12)** was promoted to vice president of acquisitions at Golub and Co. in Chicago. He was previously senior director.

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